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Boston Herald's Wonderful Tale of Detective Work With a Woman as Heroine—Chased Her Prisoner Through Four States.

After following the trail of George M. Bruce of Shirley through four states and finally finding him in Chesterfield, N. H., Mrs. E. J. McCloskey of 16 Union Park, Boston, had the man handcuffed to her and brought him all the way from New Hampshire to Boston. They arrived here at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. After giving him a good meal Mrs. McCloskey took Bruce to the detention station. She later rode with him in a patrol wagon to the jail, where she bade him "good night."

Mr. Bruce had been arrested on a charge of perjury. Mrs. McCloskey had furnished bail to the extent of \$2000. Bruce it is said was advised by several people to disappear. He did so. Mrs. McCloskey wished to save her \$2000 and so turned detective. She was eminently successful. She worked with the acumen of a Sherlock Holmes and followed a trail of boarding houses, mileage books and Angola goats with the tenacity of an Old Cat Collier hero.

Bruce went away just before Hooker day last June. He had relatives in Connecticut. Mrs. McCloskey wrote him a letter, sending it to his mother in New London. Bruce answered the letter, but first sent it to his mother for her to remain it from New London. He dated the letter from Schenectady, and said that he was going to California. Mrs. McCloskey then went to Connecticut and had a talk with his relatives. She learned that Bruce had a brother Fred in Massachusetts. She returned to Boston and started out on a hunt for the brother. She went to Athol, to Shirley, to Fitchburg and then to Leominster, where she found Fred Bruce.

It showed that it had been sworn to before a justice of the peace in Hinsdale, N. H. This did not furnish sufficient evidence, however. The two brothers might have travelled some distance to get there. Where did Fred Bruce branch off to the north? Mrs. McCloskey went to the North station to see if she could learn anything from the conductors of the trains on which he would have been likely to travel. Yes, one conductor remembered a man who had a Massachusetts mileage book. She followed on the trail of that man all the way from Boston to Fitzwilliam, only to find that he was not the man she was looking for. Bruce had a sweetheart in Athol. Mrs. McCloskey got word that the young lady intended to buy a boarding house. If she could establish an acquaintance with the young lady, she might get trace of the man she wanted. The boarding house was in Keene. Mrs. McCloskey became a prospective purchaser of boarding houses in Keene. The young lady was already there. With a house that she expected to take. Mrs. McCloskey then became a dressmaker who wanted a room in the boarding house. Bruce's sweetheart had to return to Athol for a week. The woman detective saw disaster stare her in the face. A whole week and her property was already advertised to be sold in order to satisfy the bail bond.

She started out on a new clue. This

THE SURE, SWEET WAY.

(Written for the Reformer.)

Love's Birthday, like a great, white, tranquil star,
Throws, through the old year's gloom, its light afar.
Christmas again! How shall we make it gay?
That is the query of the world away.

No deed of valor, that bold heart of flame
To compass, cunning brain and hand employ;
No jewel thought, or unguessed truth revealed—
These are not things to waken Christmas joy.

'Tis not great thoughts or deeds that fit the day,
But just a smile, a song—and love, alway!
The young love's kiss upon the old love's lips;
The quick hand helping when the tired foot trips;
The clasp of friendship for the trust beguiled;
The comrade smile unto the eager child;
Some strength or comfort that one life has known
Into another life whose need is shown—
Giving, receive—This is the sure, sweet way
To waken gladness and make Christmas gay.

—Adelaide Davis Reynolds.

BRIDGE FORMALLY ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Met Representatives of Company Saturday.

The new steel bridge across the Connecticut river was accepted formally Saturday by the Brattleboro and Hinsdale commissioners who met representatives of the United Construction Co. of Albany, N. Y., and made the final arrangements for releasing the company from its bond. Those present at the conference were J. H. Hoff, A. H. Kittredge, James R. Watt and W. R. Marden representing the United Construction Co., E. Stebbins, F. A. Davis, and James O'Brien, the Hinsdale commissioners, W. H. Vinton, James L. Martin and George W. Pierce, the Brattleboro representatives, and H. F. Liscom of Hinsdale who has aided the commissioners greatly through his thorough knowledge of bridge building. The party took dinner at the Brooks House and went through the formalities of acceptance afterward.

The cost of the new bridge is about \$43,000 which is about \$3000 in excess of the combined appropriations of the towns of Brattleboro and Hinsdale. The additional expense was due to the cost of moving the old toll house and the increased amount of filling and stone work which was found to be necessary. The bridge company's original contract was for \$37,000 but the additional stone work found to be necessary amounted to nearly \$5,000. Brattleboro's share of the increased expense will be in round numbers between \$2000 and \$3000 which the commissioners will borrow to pay the bridge company and ask the town to appropriate at the next town meeting. There will be no opposition to this in all probability for the reason that the commissioners have succeeded in getting the towns joined by one of the most substantial bridges in New England. The remainder of the capital pier has not yet been removed but the company has promised to comply with the contract in this respect.

The license commissioners of Underhill have revoked the license granted to Amos Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey was tried and found guilty of selling liquor Sunday.

William J. Bryan was received in audience by Czar Nicholas of Russia at St. Petersburg Monday. The czar expressed friendship and deep interest in the United States.

The governor of Alexandretta has formally apologized to U. S. Consul Davis for the indignities suffered by the consul and Altarian, the naturalized American citizen, has been liberated.

Considerable excitement has been caused in Pottsville, Pa., by the discovery of great beds of pure anthracite coal, beyond the limits of what has heretofore been considered the southern boundary of the hard coal region in Pennsylvania.

For 60 consecutive years the Middlebury Historical society has celebrated Forefathers day and Monday the 23rd anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims was observed there. President Charles O. Fay of the Andover Theological seminary, Andover, Mass., was the principal speaker.

Bolivia has formally abandoned her claim to Acre, the United States aiding in peaceful negotiations. Bolivia gives up most of her territory to Brazil and gets \$10,000,000 in cash. Brazil is to build a railroad around the great falls of the Madeira and to give Bolivia perpetual free transit down the Madeira and Amazon rivers; and to cede a port on the Paraguay river. Brazil in Acre has a great Amazonian forest the richest rubber producer in the world. The enormous increase in demand for rubber in recent years makes the rubber forests of incalculable value.

Charles M. Schwab makes a sweeping denial of the charges implicating him in the U. S. shipbuilding company scandal. He says he was deceived, that both he and J. P. Morgan & Co. placed implicit confidence in a prospect that grossly overstated the company's assets. The shipbuilding trust, he says, was not his scheme but that of Dresser and Nixon. He denies collusion with the reorganizers to wreck the concern. He admits that he took about \$27,000,000 of the company's bonds and stock but he is willing to return all securities and to rescind the whole transaction.

GARRETTO FOUND GUILTY

MANSLAUGHTER THE VERDICT IN BARRE MURDER CASE.

Dr. Harkness Pleads Guilty of Forgery—Boom for C. J. Bell for Governor Likely—Woman to Be Tried in Bennington for Attempted Murder.

The jury in the case of state vs. Alexander Garretto, charged with the murder of Eli Corti at Barre October 3, brought in a verdict of manslaughter at Montpelier Wednesday afternoon. The jury was charged Wednesday morning by Judge Stafford, who concluded at 9:30 o'clock. The charge occupied 25 minutes in its delivery and was clear cut and admirably worded. He said a verdict might be found of manslaughter, murder in the second degree, or murder in the first degree. Half an hour after the verdict Judge Stafford sentenced Garretto to not less than 10 years nor more than 12 years at Windsor. In imposing the sentence court said there were certain extenuating circumstances connected with the case that would cause it to be lenient, still it believed such a penalty should be inflicted that it would be a lesson to the prisoner. Garretto is the Italian socialist who fired the fatal bullet that killed Eli Corti, an anarchist sympathizer, in the Italian riot at the socialist hall in Barre Oct. 3.

In Washington county court Wednesday afternoon Eugene Davis and Neil Knapp of Northfield pleaded guilty to burglary in Northfield and to breaking jail. Davis was sentenced to not less than three and one-half years in the state prison at Windsor. Knapp was sentenced to the house of correction for a period similar to that given Davis. Dr. W. R. Harkness appeared in court and withdrew his plea of not guilty to a charge of forgery and pleaded guilty. He is still out on bail. The case of state vs. Bartholomew Croto, the man from East Montpelier, who is charged with the murder of Peter Vorren September 8 was continued until the next term of court.

The next case for trial in Bennington county is that of state vs. Mrs. Alice Moffat of Sandgate, who is under indictment on the charge of attempting to poison her husband, Philander Moffat, of Sandgate. The state has summoned 12 witnesses and the case promises to be one of much interest. One of the principal witnesses for the state will be Joseph Mears, with whom it is claimed, Mrs. Moffat was in love and for whose sake she wanted to get her husband out of the way. Mears is now serving a 15-years' sentence in the state prison for complicity in the crime.

The address of C. J. Bell of Walden, president of the Vermont state grange, at the late meeting of that organization at Rutland, is very favorably mentioned by those who were present, says a White River Junction despatch. It would not be at all surprising if the farmers in White River Junction who for the choice of one of their class for governor at the next election should start a boom for Mr. Bell. Outside of the supporters of P. W. Clements for that office, it seemed to be apathy on the subject until Mr. Bell's name was mentioned.

The Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' association will hold its annual meeting at Burlington Jan. 4-6. There will be addresses by the president, Victor I. Spear, William F. Hubbard of Washington, D. C., forestry expert, C. J. Bell of Hardwick, of the state board of agriculture, M. D. McMahon of Burlington and G. H. Grimm of Rutland.

The state board of health met at Burlington Tuesday night and audited the accounts of the state laboratory of hygiene. It was found that all but a few dollars of the yearly appropriation of \$10,000 had been used up. The work has greatly increased during the fiscal year which closed December 1.

The Burlington license commissioners revoked, Wednesday, the licenses of two saloon keepers for selling to minors.

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